

WILLARD ENTERS FIGHT FAVORITE; IS HELD SUPERIOR TO MORAN

Willard Should Outfight Moran in Ten Rounds, Despite the Challenger's Admitted Skill as a Boxer and His Hard Punch; Willard Has Too Much Advantage in Weight, Height, Reach.

NEW YORK, March 25.—With the wagering close to three to one in his favor, Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, will meet Frank Moran in a 10-round no-decision bout here tonight for the largest purse ever offered for a contest of this scheduled duration. The two pugilists will receive \$71,250, posted by Tex Rickard, the promoter of the match. Of this sum the title holder will draw down \$47,500 and his opponent \$23,750. Notwithstanding the size of the purse, Rickard will clear a handsome profit on the venture since every seat in Madison Square Garden has been sold and the receipts are estimated at more than \$140,000.

Although Willard is a top-heavy favorite, interest is the outcome of the bout is intense, and the greatest gathering of fight fans that ever thronged into and about the garden is expected this evening when the principals enter the ring. Few large bets have been placed on the contest, owing to the difference in the odds and acknowledged physical advantages possessed by Willard over Moran. Hundreds of small wagers on the result and on various angles of the fight have been made.

Moran and his camp followers assert the Pittsburgh heavyweight will win from Willard in decisive fashion on points if not by a knockout, but the great majority of the boxing enthusiasts cannot be convinced that the Kansas cowboy will fall a victim to Moran's rushes and blows. It is pointed out that the conqueror of Jack Johnson is physically superior in every respect to his opponent and that in a bout of but 10 rounds it would be little short of a ring miracle for Moran to stretch the champion on the floor for the count.

Boxing Ability About Equal.
In boxing ability the two pugilists are conceded to be about equal, but beyond that point Willard has a marked advantage over Moran in almost every department of glove fighting as well as in physical make-up. He will outweigh Moran by close to six inches, stand between five and six inches above the Pittsburgh slugger and have a longer reach by more than six inches, than Moran. Both are extremely powerful hitters in proportion to their size but here again Willard's greater physique and strength give him a wide margin over Moran. The latter is the more aggressive boxer of the two, but the champion's towering height and ability to block with his long arms militate against the chances of the smaller pugilist landing a knockout blow to the head. The task of reaching Willard's body is not so difficult but in all his bouts to date the Kansas has shown ability to take very hard blows in his midsection without slowing up. From a defensive standpoint Willard is considered to be one of the best equipped boxers of his division in many years.

Champion Is Not Aggressive.
He is equally formidable offensively when aroused, but, as a rule, lacks the aggressiveness necessary to win from an opponent of Moran's caliber in 10 rounds or less. His best blows are a short left jab and a right hand uppercut. These blows he uses almost continually and owing to his long reach and great strength the punches carry terrific power when Willard puts full force into them. Under the circumstances he can and does fight with other blows and carries a knockout in either hand when mixing savagely. In his awkward and ponderous style Willard is almost as fast on his feet as Moran, although he seldom uses footwork to avoid an opponent's attack. At one quarter he should be able to hold Moran safe-

ly, although the latter will be dangerous if he can tear loose long enough to uncover his ability and power as an infighter.

Both pugilists virtually completed their training Thursday and each claims to be in perfect condition for the battle. Moran has been on edge for the bout for close to two weeks and his trainers have had more difficulty in holding him to physical form than Willard's handlers. The champion was slow to round into condition, since he had been out of the ring for almost a year while Moran, because of his recent bouts, responded quickly to the conditioning routine. Willard, however, once he settled down to hard work, dropped weight and increased his speed rapidly and while it is doubtful if he is in the same magnificent shape that he was when he met Johnson at Havana, he should be able to box the full 10 rounds at top speed if necessary.

Whatever the outcome of the battle, the two heavyweights will be well repaid for their training and struggle in the ring. If the contest goes the full distance the principals will receive \$71,250 per round or at the rate of \$2,375 per minute. Of this sum Willard's share will be \$138,250 and Moran's \$71,250. The largest ever offered for a 10-round battle of any distance with the exception of the \$121,000 given to Johnson and Jeffries by Rickard in their fight at Reno, Nev., in 1912. The purse is larger than the entire receipts taken in at any fight ever held in New York state under the Horton law or the present Franchises regulations. But two fights, the Johnson-Jeffries and Johnson-Burns battle in Australia brought receipts in excess of \$71,250.

Referee Is Competent.
The difficult task of refereeing the bout has been placed in the hands of the veteran, Charley White, an experienced boxing referee, and he has stated that he will insist upon the principals boxing in strict accordance with the rules. Because of his past experience as third man in the ring at a number of championship battles, White should be able to decide upon all technical points which may arise. Considerable responsibility will rest upon his shoulders, as Willard might lose his title in several ways, notwithstanding that the contest is billed as a 10-round no-decision bout. Moran would become the heavyweight title holder should he knock out Willard or in case the latter fouled Moran. White is also empowered to stop the fight in case either one of the men is inca-

Willard's Physical Statistics.
Willard, 25 years, 254 pounds, 6 ft. 6 in., 17 1/2 in. chest, 19 in. neck, 23 in. arm, 44 1/2 in. waist, 27 1/2 in. thigh, 17 1/2 in. calf, 12 1/2 in. biceps, 15 1/2 in. forearm, 15 1/2 in. wrist, 15 1/2 in. hand, 15 1/2 in. foot, 15 1/2 in. shoe.
Moran, 29 years, 205 pounds, 6 ft. 1 in., 17 1/2 in. chest, 19 in. neck, 23 in. arm, 44 1/2 in. waist, 27 1/2 in. thigh, 17 1/2 in. calf, 12 1/2 in. biceps, 15 1/2 in. forearm, 15 1/2 in. wrist, 15 1/2 in. hand, 15 1/2 in. foot, 15 1/2 in. shoe.

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"BECK'S" AMEN CORNER

BY "BECK"

TONIGHT'S the night of the Willard-Moran clash. Unless ere is a knockout it will be a case of paying your money and taking your choice. However, we'll be the long shot and sink or swim by Moran. If Willard wins either by a knockout or by popular decision, we'll admit he's better than his previous ones have shown.

HERE'S a good thing—don't forget it. If you miss that Commercial League doubleheader at Rio Grande park on Sunday afternoon you'll be sorry.

NORMAN FERGUSON has a new automobile so he'll be excused if he doesn't show up on the tennis courts Sunday. Even a tennis champion likes a bit of speed once in a while.

ARTHUR WILSON, big league catcher, says "the worst obstacle in buying an automobile is the great number of accessories after the fact." He's right.

NO matter who wins the big fight in New York tonight, it's a cinch that we won't have another heavyweight title bout for a few months. If Moran wins the popular decision, it's a cinch that Willard will be in no hurry to give him a decision bout while if Moran wins by a knockout, he'll exercise the privilege of champions and grab off the kale in vaudeville and circus stunts for a few months. While if Willard wins, he's already booked up for a summer season with a wild west show.

ONE thing that will be missing from the thrilling round by round story of the Willard-Moran bout will be the remarks of Tom Jones as he counts up the house. We'd like to have moving pictures and phonograph records of the "settlement" between Messrs. Willard, Jones, Curley, Fraser, Weber, et al. It will take some "cutting" to get that \$47,500 divided to the satisfaction of the "managerial synchiate."

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MONTY PICKS WILLARD TO WIN; FIGURES VICTORY ON POINTS

Declares Willard is the Hardest Man to Hit in a Vulnerable Spot That Ever Entered a Prize Ring, and That Moran is Facing Odds Too Great For Him; Says Willard Will Fight on Defensive and Win.

By MONTY.

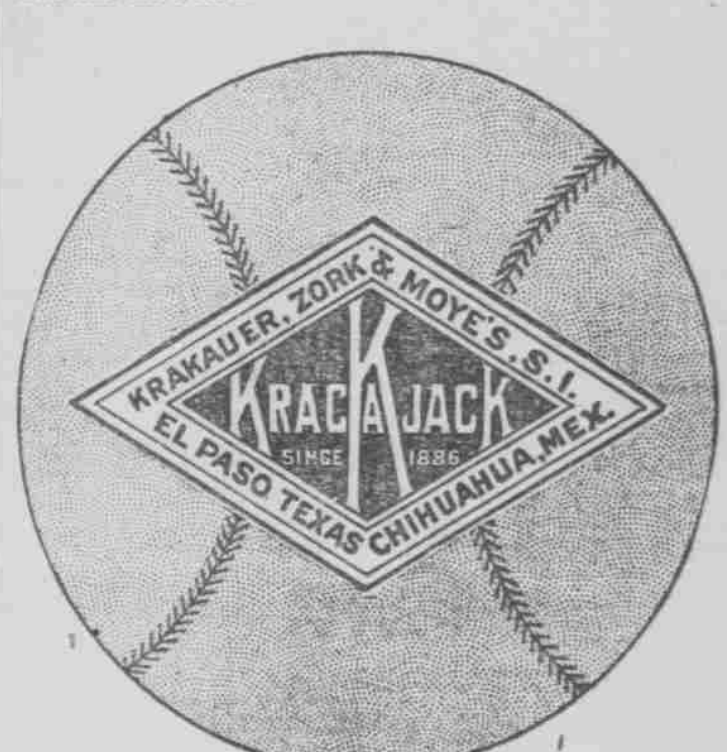
NEW YORK, March 25.—Willard or Moran? We pick Willard. Champion Jess has everything in his favor in tonight's 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden with Pittsburgh Frank. If ever there was a champion in any class fitted to weather a 10-round contest without suffering a knockout, it is the giant Kansas. He's about the hardest man to hit in a vulnerable spot that ever entered a ring and he also can assimilate punishment if it should happen that Moran does manage to land on him.

As for Moran's gaining the title, there are only four possible ways to do that in a limited no-decision bout, and none of the four can be classed as a probability. The possibility of a foul may be eliminated entirely, for Jess Willard is not the fool that would throw away a fortune by breaking the rules of the game. The other three (Continued on next page.)

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